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August 15, 2014

Mr. James Lee
Hunter Research Inc.
120 West State Street
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Re: Hudson County, Jersey City, Berry Lane Park, Design Review and Signage Plan, New Jersey Register of Historic Places Act

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for providing the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) with the opportunity for review and comment on the potential for the above-referenced project to affect historic or archaeological resources. The historic signage construction, conceptual signage language, and park design is in conformance with the design guidelines in the City of Jersey City Morris Canal Greenway Plan and the larger statewide initiative for a unified Morris Canal greenway. The HPO applauds the efforts of the City of Jersey City for affectively incorporating evocative imagery and Morris Canal history into the Berry Lane Park design. To enhance park design, the HPO provides the following comment:

1. Recommend removing the stamped pavement mule hoof prints as the prints may retain rainwater increasing mosquito breeding in the park.
2. Please explain the rationale for confining historic signage to within the park recreational areas with no signage along the multiuse trail.

Additional Comments

Thank you again for providing this opportunity for review and comment on harmonizing park design with the Morris Canal Historic District listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. We look forward to continued consultation for this undertaking to complete the historic signage and receiving for review an application for Project authorization for the final park design. Please reference the HPO project number 11-0051 in any future calls, emails, submission or written correspondence to help expedite your review and response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Vincent Maresca of my staff at (609) 633-2395 with

questions regarding archaeology or Jonathan Kinney (609-984-0141) with questions regarding historic architecture, historic districts, or historic landscapes.

Sincerely,



Daniel D. Saunders
Administrator &
Deputy State Historic
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